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In re Application of:

FLAMAND et al.

Application No.: 09/980,839

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For: EARLY DETECTION OF  
FLAVIVIRUS USING THE NS1  
GLYCOPROTEIN

Group Art Unit: Not yet assigned

Examiner: Not yet assigned

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application  
as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please insert the following paragraph after the title on page 1, line 2 of the  
specification:

This application is based on and claims the benefit of French applications  
99/07290, filed June 9, 1999, and 99/07361, filed June 10, 1999, and International  
application PCT/FR00/01620, filed June 9, 2000. The entire disclosure of these  
applications are relied upon and incorporated by reference herein.

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